



# City of Santa Barbara California

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STAFF HEARING OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 070-09  
421 E. COTA STREET  
MODIFICATION  
AUGUST 12, 2009

**APPLICATION OF CHRISTINE PIERRON & MARK WIENKE, ARCHITECTS FOR  
TRANSITION HOUSE, 421 E. COTA STREET, APN 031-160-016, C-M ZONE, GENERAL  
PLAN DESIGNATION: RESIDENTIAL, 12 UNITS/ACRE (MST2009-00250)**

The project consists of the demolition of an existing two-story, 7,566 square foot mixed-use residential and commercial building, and the construction of a new 9,839 square foot complex consisting of a mixed-use building containing a 2,291 square foot child care center and two new 1,009 square foot, three-bedroom apartment units, and a residential building containing six new 713 square foot, two-bedroom apartment units. The eight new residential apartments would be targeted for low-income families with special needs. Both the mixed-use and residential buildings would have a maximum height of 36 feet. A total of 715 cubic yards of grading (115 cubic yards of cut and 600 cubic yards of fill) is proposed. The one acre project site also contains a 14,080 square foot mixed-use building, with eight apartment units, classrooms, and offices, which would remain.

**WHEREAS**, the Staff Hearing Officer has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

**WHEREAS**, no one appeared to speak in favor or opposition of the application, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, August 12, 2009.
2. Site Plans
3. Correspondence received in opposition to the project:  
Paula Westbury, 650 Miramonte Drive, Santa Barbara, Ca

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Staff Hearing Officer:

- I. Approved the subject application making the following findings and determinations:

**A. PARKING MODIFICATION (SBMC §28.92.110.A.1)**

As discussed in Section V of the staff report, the modification of parking requirements is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance since it provides for amount of parking demanded by the proposed uses, and will not cause an increase in the demand for parking space or loading space in the immediate area as demonstrated in the ATE Parking Demand Study. In addition, ABR stated that there would be no aesthetic impacts due to the modification to the parking count and noted that the project is in compliance with the Project Compatibility Guidelines and compatible with the architectural character of both the City and

the neighborhood. The additional landscaping setback between Cota Street and the proposed building is recognized as an added benefit.

This modification is not part of the approval of a tentative subdivision map, conditional use permit, development plan, site plan, plot plan, or any other matter which requires approval of the Planning Commission; and the modification would not significantly affect persons or property owners other than those entitled to notice.

**B. OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE MODIFICATION (SBMC §28.92.110.A.2)**

As discussed in Section V of the Staff Report, the modification of the sizes and dimensions of Outdoor Living Space areas is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance since the ground floor private outdoor living spaces meet the second story area and dimensional requirements and accessible open space would be provided to the tenants of the affected units during the times the child care center is not in operation. The proposed improvement on the lot is considered appropriate due to the space constraints on the site since the uses are consistent with the City's stated goals and policies. Additionally, ABR stated that there would be no aesthetic impacts due to the modification in the ground floor patio sizes and noted that the project is in compliance with the Project Compatibility Guidelines and compatible with the architectural character of both the City and the neighborhood.

This modification is not part of the approval of a tentative subdivision map, conditional use permit, development plan, site plan, plot plan, or any other matter which requires approval of the Planning Commission; and the modification would not significantly affect persons or property owners other than those entitled to notice.

**II. Said approval is subject to the following conditions:**

**A. ABR Design Review.** The Architectural Board of Review (ABR) shall not grant preliminary approval of the project until the following Staff Hearing Officer land use conditions have been satisfied.

1. **Screened Check Valve/Backflow.** The check valve or anti-backflow devices for fire sprinkler and/or irrigation systems shall be provided in a location screened from public view or included in the exterior wall of the building.

2. **Lighting.** Exterior lighting, where provided, shall be consistent with the City's Lighting Ordinance. No floodlights shall be allowed. Lighting shall be directed toward the ground.

**B. Historic Structures/Sites Report Recommendations.** The following advisory recommendations included in the Historic Structures/Sites Report prepared by Fermina B. Murray April 20, 2009 and accepted by the Historic Landmarks Commission May 27, 2009 shall be implemented:

1. **Commemorative Plaque.** A commemorative plaque honoring the Signor Family shall be included in the proposed project. The plaque shall be well

integrated into the design of the new building and placed where it will easily be seen by the public. The content of the plaque shall be prepared by a qualified historian and approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission prior to building permit issuance.

2. **Photo documentation and Archive.** A historian shall photograph the murals inside the building to document the history of the restaurant. This photo documentation and copy of the Historic Structures/Sites Report shall be submitted to the Santa Barbara Historical Museum's Gledhill Library prior to building permit issuance.

C. **Recorded Conditions Agreement.** Prior to the issuance of any Public Works permit or Building permit for the project on the Real Property, the Owner shall execute a written instrument, which shall be reviewed as to form and content by the City Attorney, Community Development Director and Public Works Director, recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, and shall include the following:

1. **Approved Development.** The development of the Real Property approved by the Staff Hearing Officer on August 12, 2009 is limited to a new approximately 9,839 square foot complex consisting of a mixed-use building containing a 2,291 square foot child care center and two new 1,009 square foot three-bedroom apartment units, and a residential building containing six new 713 square foot two-bedroom apartment units and the improvements shown on the plans signed by the Staff Hearing Officer on said date and on file at the City of Santa Barbara.
2. **Rental Housing Restrictions.** The rents for the 12 residential units exclusive of the existing one-bedroom units to remain at 425 E. Cota Street shall not exceed the rent limit specified in the City's Affordable Housing Policies and Procedures (AHP&P) for low-income units targeted to seventy percent (70%) of Area Median Income (AMI).

The Affordable Units shall be rented and occupied in conformance with the City's adopted AHP&P. The rental rates and tenant selection of the Affordable Units shall be controlled by means of a recorded affordability covenant executed by Owner and the City to assure continued affordability for at least ninety (90) years from the initial occupancy of the project.

Owner may charge rents higher than the identified affordability targets if Section 8 vouchers are used in accordance with the City's AHP&P, but the tenant share of the rent shall not be higher than the affordability targets stated above.

3. **Change of Use.** In the event that the Real Property, or any portion thereof, is not or cannot be used solely for very low- or low-income rental housing and the approved non-residential uses, either (i) the structure(s) shall be redesigned and possibly reconstructed such that there is compliance with the City's parking

requirements then in effect, or (ii) the owner shall provide the number of spaces required by the Zoning Ordinance for the new use(s) pursuant to Chapter 28.90.

4. **Uninterrupted Water Flow.** The Owner shall provide for the uninterrupted flow of water onto the Real Property including, but not limited to, swales, natural watercourses, conduits and any access road, as appropriate.
  5. **Landscape Plan Compliance.** The Owner shall comply with the Landscape Plan approved by the Architectural Board of Review (ABR). Such plan shall not be modified unless prior written approval is obtained from the ABR. The landscaping on the Real Property shall be provided and maintained in accordance with said landscape plan. If said landscaping is removed for any reason without approval by the ABR, the owner is responsible for its immediate replacement.
  6. **Storm Water Pollution Control and Drainage Systems Maintenance.** Owner shall maintain the drainage system and storm water pollution control devices intended to intercept siltation and other potential pollutants (including, but not limited to, hydrocarbons, fecal bacteria, herbicides, fertilizers, etc. ) in a functioning state (and in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Procedure Plan prepared in accordance with the Storm Water Management Plan BMP Guidance Manual). Should any of the project's surface or subsurface drainage structures or storm water pollution control methods fail to capture, infiltrate, and/or treat water, or result in increased erosion, the Owner shall be responsible for any necessary repairs to the system and restoration of the eroded area. Should repairs or restoration become necessary, prior to the commencement of such repair or restoration work, the applicant shall submit a repair and restoration plan to the Community Development Director to determine if an amendment or a new Building Permit is required to authorize such work. The Owner is responsible for the adequacy of any project-related drainage facilities and for the continued maintenance thereof in a manner that will preclude any hazard to life, health, or damage to the Real Property or any adjoining property.
  7. **Recreational Vehicle Storage Prohibition.** No recreational vehicles, boats, or trailers shall be stored on the Real Property.
  8. **Residential Permit Parking Program.** Residents shall not participate in the Residential Permit Parking Program.
- D. **Community Development Requirements Prior to Building Permit Application Submittal.** The Owner shall submit the following to the Community Development Department for review and approval.
1. **Hazardous Materials Clearance.** Submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Environmental Analyst confirming that the project site is likely clear of contaminants and meets the minimum criteria for residential land uses from the County of Santa Barbara Fire Department or other appropriate State or Federal

agency. Site investigations should include, at minimum, soil samples of the site and laboratory analysis of heavy metals, unless the County of Santa Barbara Fire Department deems these tests unnecessary to clear the site.

- E. **Public Works Requirements Prior to Building Permit Issuance.** The Owner shall submit the following, or evidence of completion of the following to the Public Works Department for review and approval, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the project.
1. **Water Rights Assignment Agreement.** The Owner shall assign to the City of Santa Barbara the exclusive right to extract ground water from under the Real Property in an "Agreement Assigning Water Extraction Rights." Engineering Division Staff will prepare said agreement for the Owner's signature.
  2. **Hydrology Report.** The Owner shall submit a hydrology report prepared by a registered civil engineer or licensed architect demonstrating that the new development will not increase runoff amounts above existing conditions for a 25-year storm event. Any increase in runoff shall be retained on-site.
  3. **Drainage and Water Quality.** Project drainage shall be designed, installed, and maintained such that stormwater runoff from the first inch of rain from any storm event shall be retained and treated onsite in accordance with the City's NPDES Storm Water Management Permit. Runoff should be directed into a passive water treatment method such as a bioswale, landscape feature (planter beds and/or lawns), infiltration trench, etc. Project plans for grading, drainage, stormwater treatment methods, and project development, shall be subject to review and approval by City Building Division and Public Works Department. Sufficient engineered design and adequate measures shall be employed to ensure that no significant construction-related or long-term effects from increased runoff, erosion and sedimentation, urban water pollutants, or groundwater pollutants would result from the project. The Owner shall maintain the drainage system and storm water pollution control methods in a functioning state.
  4. **Encroachment Permits.** Any encroachment or other permits from the City or other jurisdictions (State, Flood Control, County, etc.) for the construction of improvements (including any required appurtenances) within their rights of way (easement).
  5. **Removal or Relocation of Public Facilities.** Removal or relocation of any public utilities or structures must be performed by the Owner or by the person or persons having ownership or control thereof.
  6. **Approved Public Improvement Plans and Concurrent Issuance of Public Works Permit.** Upon acceptance of the approved public improvement plans, a Public Works permit shall be issued concurrently with a Building permit.



- F. **Community Development Requirements with Building or Public Works Permit Application.** The following shall be submitted with the application for any Building or Public Works permit and finalized prior to Building or Public Works Permit issuance:
1. **Contractor and Subcontractor Notification.** The Owner shall notify in writing all contractors and subcontractors of the site rules, restrictions, and Conditions of Approval. Submit a copy of the notice to the Planning Division.
  2. **Recorded Affordability Covenant.** Submit to the Planning Division a copy of an affordability control covenant that has been approved as to form and content by the City Attorney and Community Development Director, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, which includes the following:
    - a. **Affordability Conditions.** Owner shall sign and cause to be recorded against the Property an affordability control covenant, in a form approved by the City Attorney, which requires compliance with the requirements for low income rental units as specified in the City's Affordable Housing Policies and Procedures, with rents targeted as follows:
      - (1) For the 12 units exclusive of the four existing one-bedroom units that will remain, the target income percentage shall be seventy percent (70%).
      - (2) The covenant shall require that the Property be owned by a not-for-profit public benefit corporation, and shall include an assignment of rents whereby the owner assigns to the City all rents collected in violation of the covenant. The covenant shall also require the owner to make periodic reports to the City to verify compliance with the covenant.
  3. **Tenant Displacement Assistance Ordinance Compliance.** Submit evidence of compliance with the Tenant Displacement Assistance Ordinance (SBMC Chapter 28.89).
  4. **Geotechnical and Soils Report.** Submit an updated geotechnical and soils report prepared by a registered geologist according to State of California standards. Prior to issuance of building permit, all recommendations submitted in this report shall be incorporated into the final building plans.
- G. **Building Permit Plan Requirements.** The following requirements/notes shall be incorporated into the construction plans submitted to the Building and Safety Division for Building permits.
1. **Design Review Requirements.** Plans shall show all design, landscape and tree protection elements, as approved by the Architectural Board of Review, outlined in Section A above.

2. **Grading Plan Requirement for Archaeological Resources.** The following information shall be printed on the grading plans:

If archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted or redirected immediately and the Planning Division shall be notified. The archaeologist shall assess the nature, extent, and significance of any discoveries and develop appropriate management recommendations for archaeological resource treatment, which may include, but are not limited to, redirection of grading and/or excavation activities, consultation and/or monitoring with a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List, etc.

If the discovery consists of possible human remains, the Santa Barbara County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner shall contact the California Native American Heritage Commission. A Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Planning Division grants authorization.

If the discovery consists of possible prehistoric or Native American artifacts or materials, a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Planning Division grants authorization.

3. **Post-Construction Erosion Control and Water Quality Plan.** Provide an engineered drainage plan that addresses the existing drainage patterns and leads towards improvement of the quality and rate of water run-off conditions from the site by capturing, infiltrating, and/or treating drainage and preventing erosion. The Owner shall employ passive water quality methods, such as bioswales, catch basins, or storm drain on the Real Property, or other measures specified in the Erosion Control Plan, to intercept all sediment and other potential pollutants (including, but not limited to, hydrocarbons, fecal bacteria, herbicides, fertilizers, etc.) from the parking lot areas and other improved, hard-surfaced areas prior to discharge into the public storm drain system, including any creeks. All proposed methods shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department and the Community Development Department. Maintenance of these facilities shall be provided by the Owner, as outlined in Condition E.3, above, which shall include the regular sweeping and/or vacuuming of parking areas and drainage and storm water methods maintenance program.
4. **Emergency Evacuation Plan.** Provide an emergency evacuation plan subject to approval by the Fire Department.

5. **Parking Lot Aisle.** The driving aisle width between parking spaces of the portion of the parking lot adjacent to the buildings on site shall be no less than 20 feet for the purpose of fire department vehicle access.
6. **Trash Enclosure Provision.** A trash enclosure with adequate area for recycling containers (an area that allows for a minimum of 50 percent of the total capacity for recycling containers) shall be provided on the Real Property and screened from view from surrounding properties and the street.  
  
Dumpsters and containers with a capacity of 1.5 cubic yards or more shall not be placed within five (5) feet of combustible walls, openings, or roofs, unless protected with fire sprinklers.
7. **Conditions on Plans/Signatures.** The final Staff Hearing Officer Resolution shall be provided on a full size drawing sheet as part of the drawing sets. Each condition shall have a sheet and/or note reference to verify condition compliance. If the condition relates to a document submittal, indicate the status of the submittal (e.g., Archaeologist contract submitted to Community Development Department for review). A statement shall also be placed on the above sheet as follows: The undersigned have read and understand the above conditions, and agree to abide by any and all conditions which is their usual and customary responsibility to perform, and which are within their authority to perform.

Signed:

Property Owner		Date
Contractor	Date	License No.
Architect	Date	License No.
Engineer	Date	License No.

- H. **Construction Implementation Requirements.** All of these construction requirements shall be carried out in the field by the Owner and/or Contractor for the duration of the project construction.

1. **Demolition/Construction Materials Recycling.** Recycling and/or reuse of demolition/construction materials shall be carried out to the extent feasible, and containers shall be provided on site for that purpose, in order to minimize construction-generated waste conveyed to the landfill. Indicate on the plans the location of a container of sufficient size to handle the materials, subject to review and approval by the City Solid Waste Specialist, for collection of demolition/construction materials. A minimum of 90% of demolition and



construction materials shall be recycled or reused. Evidence shall be submitted at each inspection to show that recycling and/or reuse goals are being met.

2. **Construction-Related Truck Trips.** Construction-related truck trips shall not be scheduled during peak hours (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). The purpose of this condition is to help reduce truck traffic on adjacent streets and roadways.
3. **Construction Related Traffic Routes.** The route of construction-related traffic shall be established to minimize trips through surrounding residential neighborhoods, subject to approval by the Transportation Manager.
4. **Haul Routes.** The haul route(s) for all construction-related trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of three tons or more, entering or exiting the site, shall be approved by the Transportation Manager.
5. **Traffic Control Plan.** All elements of the approved Traffic Control Plan shall be carried out by the Contractor.
6. **Construction Hours.** Construction (including preparation for construction work) is prohibited Monday through Friday before 7:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays observed by the City of Santa Barbara, as shown below: (look at longer or shorter hours and Saturday construction, depending on project location)

New Year's Day	January 1st*
Martin Luther King's Birthday	3rd Monday in January
Presidents' Day	3rd Monday in February
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31 <sup>st</sup> *
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4th*
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Following Thanksgiving Day	Friday following Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25th*

\*When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or following Monday, respectively, shall be observed as a legal holiday.

When, based on required construction type or other appropriate reasons, it is necessary to do work outside the allowed construction hours, contractor shall contact the Chief of Building and Safety to request a waiver from the above construction hours, using the procedure outlined in Santa Barbara Municipal Code §9.16.015 Construction Work at Night. Contractor shall notify all residents within 300 feet of the parcel of intent to carry out night construction a minimum of 48 hours prior to said construction. Said notification shall include what the work includes, the reason for the work, the duration of the proposed work and a contact number that is answered by a person, not a machine.

7. **Construction Parking/Storage/Staging.** Construction parking and storage shall be provided as follows:
  - a. During construction, free parking spaces for construction workers and construction shall be provided on-site or off-site in a location subject to the approval of the Public Works Director. Construction workers are prohibited from parking within the public right-of-way, except as outlined in subparagraph b. below.
  - b. Parking in the public right of way is permitted as posted by Municipal Code, as reasonably allowed for in the 2006 Greenbook (or latest reference), and with a Public Works permit in restricted parking zones. No more than three (3) individual parking permits without extensions may be issued for the life of the project.
  - c. Storage or staging of construction materials and equipment within the public right-of-way shall not be permitted, unless approved by the Transportation Manager.
8. **Water Sprinkling During Grading.** The following dust control measures shall be required, and shall be accomplished using recycled water whenever the Public Works Director determines that it is reasonably available:
  - a. Site grading and transportation of fill materials.
  - b. Regular water sprinkling; during clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation.
  - c. Sufficient quantities of water, through use of either water trucks or sprinkler systems, shall be applied on-site to prevent dust from leaving the site.
  - d. Each day, after construction activities cease, the entire area of disturbed soil shall be sufficiently moistened to create a crust.
  - e. Throughout construction, water trucks or sprinkler systems shall also be used to keep all areas of vehicle movement on-site damp enough to prevent dust raised from leaving the site. At a minimum, this will include wetting down such areas in the late morning and after work is completed for the day. Increased watering frequency will be required whenever the wind speed exceeds 15 mph.
9. **Expedition Paving.** All roadways, driveways, sidewalks, etc., shall be paved as soon as possible. Additionally, building pads shall be laid as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used, as directed by the Building Inspector.
10. **Gravel Pads.** Gravel pads shall be installed at all access points to the project site to prevent tracking of mud on to public roads.

11. **Street Sweeping.** The property frontage and adjacent property frontages, and parking and staging areas at the construction site shall be swept daily to decrease sediment transport to the public storm drain system and dust.
12. **Construction Best Management Practices (BMPs).** Construction activities shall address water quality through the use of BMPs, as approved by the Building and Safety Division.
13. **Construction Equipment Maintenance.** All construction equipment, including trucks, shall be professionally maintained and fitted with standard manufacturers' muffler and silencing devices.
14. **Graffiti Abatement Required.** Owner and Contractor shall be responsible for removal of all graffiti as quickly as possible. Graffiti not removed within 24 hours of notice by the Building and Safety Division may result in a Stop Work order being issued, or may be removed by the City, at the Owner's expense, as provided in SBMC Chapter 9.66.
15. **Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Contractor Notification.** Prior to the start of any vegetation or paving removal, demolition, trenching or grading, contractors and construction personnel shall be alerted to the possibility of uncovering unanticipated subsurface archaeological features or artifacts associated with past human occupation of the parcel. If such archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted immediately, the City Environmental Analyst shall be notified and the applicant shall retain an archaeologist from the most current City Qualified Archaeologists List. The latter shall be employed to assess the nature, extent and significance of any discoveries and to develop appropriate management recommendations for archaeological resource treatment, which may include, but are not limited to, redirection of grading and/or excavation activities, consultation and/or monitoring with a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List, etc.

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- I. **Prior to Certificate of Occupancy.** Prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, the Owner of the Real Property shall complete the following:
1. **Repair Damaged Public Improvements.** Repair any damaged public improvements (curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways, etc.) subject to the review and approval of the Public Works Department per SBMC §22.60.090. Where tree roots are the cause of the damage, the roots shall be pruned under the direction of a qualified arborist.
  2. **Complete Public Improvements.** Public improvements, as shown in the improvement/building plans, including utility service undergrounding and installation of street trees.
  3. **Cross-Connection Inspection.** The Owner shall request a cross connection inspection by the Public Works Water Reclamation/Cross Connection Specialist.
  4. **Rental Affordability Provisions Approval.** Obtain from the Community Development Director, or Director's designee in the City's Housing Programs Division, written approval of the of the following: (a) the recorded affordability covenant as approved by the City Attorney, (b) the process for selecting the initial residents of the affordable rental units, (c) the eligibility of the initial residents, and (d) the form of the rental agreement used. For projects with senior occupancy requirements or restrictions on the number of motor vehicles per resident, obtain from the Community Development Director, or Director's designee in the City's Housing Programs Division, written approval of the recorded implementing document, which assures compliance with the senior housing restriction and/or the restrictions on the number of motor vehicles owned, used, possessed or stored by residents.
- J. **Litigation Indemnification Agreement.** In the event the Planning Commission approval of the Project is appealed to the City Council, Applicant/Owner hereby agrees to defend the City, its officers, employees, agents, consultants and independent contractors ("City's Agents") from any third party legal challenge to the City Council's denial of the appeal and approval of the Project, including, but not limited to, challenges filed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (collectively "Claims"). Applicant/Owner further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's Agents from any award of attorney fees or court costs made in connection with any Claim.
- Applicant/Owner shall execute a written agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, evidencing the foregoing commitments of defense and indemnification within thirty (30) days of the City Council denial of the appeal and approval of the Project. These commitments of defense and indemnification are material conditions of the approval of the Project. If Applicant/Owner fails to execute the required defense and indemnification agreement within the time allotted, the Project approval shall become null and void absent subsequent acceptance of the agreement by the City, which acceptance shall be within the City's sole and absolute discretion. Nothing contained in

this condition shall prevent the City or the City's Agents from independently defending any Claim. If the City or the City's Agents decide to independently defend a Claim, the City and the City's Agents shall bear their own attorney fees, expenses, and costs of that independent defense.

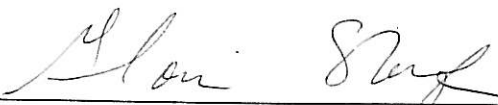
**NOTICE OF APPROVAL TIME LIMITS:**

The Staff Hearing Officer's action approving the Modifications shall terminate two (2) years from the date of the approval, per Santa Barbara Municipal Code §28.87.360, unless:

1. An extension is granted by the Community Development Director prior to the expiration of the approval; or
2. A Building permit for the use authorized by the approval is issued within and the construction authorized by the permit is being diligently pursued to completion and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
3. The approval has not been discontinued, abandoned or unused for a period of six months following the earlier of (a) an Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the use, or (b) two (2) years from granting the approval.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 12th day of August, 2009 by the Staff Hearing Officer of the city of Santa Barbara.

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the city of Santa Barbara Staff Hearing Officer at its meeting of the above date.

  
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Gloria Shafer, Staff Hearing Officer Secretary

8-19-2009  
Date



**PLEASE BE ADVISED:**

1. This action of the Staff Hearing Officer can be appealed to the Planning Commission or the City Council within ten (10) days after the date the action was taken by the Staff Hearing Officer.
2. If the scope of work exceeds the extent described in the Modification request or that which was represented to the Staff Hearing Officer at the public hearing, it may render the Staff Hearing Officer approval null and void.
3. If you have any existing zoning violations on the property, other than those included in the conditions above, they must be corrected within thirty (30) days of this action.
4. Subsequent to the outcome of any appeal action your next administrative step should be to apply for Architectural Board of Review (ABR) approval and then a building permit.
5. **PLEASE NOTE: A copy of this resolution shall be reproduced on the first sheet of the drawings submitted with the application for a building permit.** The location, size and design of the construction proposed in the application for the building permit shall not deviate from the location, size and design of construction approved in this modification.
6. **NOTICE OF APPROVAL TIME LIMITS:** The Staff Hearing Officer's action approving the Performance Standard Permit or Modifications shall expire two (2) years from the date of the approval, per SBMC §28.87.360, unless:
  - a. A building permit for the construction authorized by the approval is issued within twenty four months of the approval. (An extension may be granted by the Staff Hearing Officer if the construction authorized by the permit is being diligently pursued to completion.) or;
  - b. The approved use has been discontinued, abandoned or unused for a period of six months following the earlier of:
    - i. an Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the use, or;
    - ii. one (1) year from granting the approval.